

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A curable composition comprising:

- (i) a compound (A) having at least two unsaturated groups which are activated for Michael addition,
- (ii) a compound (B) having at least two acetoacetate groups, activated hydrogen atoms,
- (iii) a tertiary alkyl phosphine (C), and
- (iv) a carboxylic acid (D),

wherein the composition is the result of a Michael reaction; the carboxylic acid (D) is a saturated fatty acid having a molecular weight of 80 g/mol or less; ~~and~~ the carboxylic acid is added before the tertiary alkyl phosphine; for low-viscous liquid curable coating compositions, the number average molecular weight of the compound (B) is in the range between 230 and 2,000; and, for solid powder coating systems, the number average molecular weight of the compound (B) is preferably in the range between 1,000 and 40,000.

Claim 2 (original): A curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of the unsaturated groups from the compound (A) and the activated hydrogen atoms from the compound (B) (former:latter) is in a range from 4:1 to 1:4.

Claim 3 (original): A curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the tertiary organic phosphine (C) is present in an amount of 0.1-10% by weight.

Claim 4 (original): A curable composition according to claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid

(D) is present in an amount of 0.05-10% by weight.

Claims 5-6 (Cancelled):

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A crosslinked coating obtained from the curable composition according to claim 1.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A crosslinked coating obtained from the curable composition according to claim 2.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A crosslinked coating obtained from the curable composition according to claim 3.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A crosslinked coating obtained from the curable composition according to claim 4.

Claim 11 (Cancelled):